

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A vodka comprising:

a percentage of absolute alcohol in water of about 35-50 vol %,

4-6 mM sugar,

0.05 - 0.2 mM of bicarbonate,

0.02-0.04 vol % of extract of flax seeds, and

wherein said vodka has an amount of impurities ~~+1~~ per liter of absolute alcohol in an amount as follows:

acetic aldehyde lower than 3 mg,

fusel oil lower than 6 mg,

ester lower than 5 mg,

methyl alcohol lower than 0.2 ml, and

an alkalinity characteristic of less than 3 meq.

11. (currently amended) The vodka according to claim 10, wherein the vodka contains a percentage of absolute alcohol in water of about 40 vol %, 5.3 mM of sugar, 0.12 mM of sodium bicarbonate, and 0.032 vol % of extract of flax seeds.

12. (previously presented) A process for preparing vodka, comprising:

mixing water and absolute alcohol to obtain a mixture,
treating the mixture with activated coal,
adding sugar, aroma compounds and optionally other ingredients,

cooling the mixture to a temperature of about -10°C to -15°C, at which temperature the mixture is maintained for about 4-8 hours,

filtering the mixture,
adapting the mixture to room temperature to obtain a filtrate,

optionally adding other ingredients to the filtrate, and
optionally further filtering the filtrate at room temperature before bottling said filtrate.

13. (previously presented) The process according to claim 12, whereby the filtrate is adapted to room temperature by pumping the filtrate to a non-isolated tank until room temperature has been attained.

14. (previously presented) The process according to claim 12, whereby the aroma compounds comprise extract of flax seeds.

15. (previously presented) The process according to claim 12, whereby the water is water with an alkalinity of less than 3 meq/l.

16. (previously presented) The process according to claim 12, whereby the cooled mixture is filtered through a carbon filter.

17. (previously presented) The process according to claim 13, whereby the filtrate is further filtered over a series of micro filters before bottling.

18. (previously presented) A process for preparing vodka, comprising:

mixing water and absolute alcohol to obtain a mixture, treating the mixture with activated coal followed by filtration, adding sugar, aroma compounds and optionally other ingredients to the mixture, wherein, the mixture after the treatment with activated coal is cooled to a temperature of about -10°C to -15°C, at which temperature the mixture is maintained for about 4-8 hours, after which the mixture is filtered, and gradually adapted to room temperature, optionally aroma and other ingredients are added to the mixture, and optionally the mixture is filtered again before bottling a resulting mixture.

19. (previously presented) The process according to claim 18, whereby the mixture is adapted to room temperature by pumping the mixture to a non-isolated tank until room temperature has been attained.

20. (previously presented) The process according to claim 18, whereby the aroma compounds comprise extract of flax seeds.

21. (previously presented) The process according to claim 18, whereby the water is water with an alkalinity of less than 3 meq/l.

22. (previously presented) The process according to claim 18, whereby the mixture is filtered through a carbon filter.

23. (previously presented) The process according to claim 19, whereby the mixture at room temperature is filtered over a series of micro filters before bottling.